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DEATH.

Yon Pa. Somay, Mo. of Tonga, at Moulo, aged 50 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17th, 1883.

ONE of the chief reasons for the selection of
Wenchow as a treaty port was the fact of
its accessibility from the Peking districts of
Fukien, and the belief that that valuable
commodity could be placed on the market there
at a cheaper rate than at Foochow. This be-
lief was well founded, as Mr. ALFRED HIR-
SCHMIDT, Acting Commissioner of Customs at
Wenchow, very clearly shows in his report
on the trade of that port for the year 1881.

The trade charges on the province of
Chekiang, including the tax levied at the
place of production, amounted to very little
more than those which had to be paid upon
it sent to Foochow, while the extra taxes
were more than counterbalanced by the
savings, amounting to about \$1.40 per picul, in
the cost of transport to Wenchow. Another
important consideration is the fact that tea
can be put on the market at Wenchow six or
seven days earlier than at Foochow, a matter
of some moment had there been a ready sale
at the former port, as interest generally
rules high at the commencement of the tea
season. When, however, the Fukien Au-
thorities saw the possibility of a portion of
the tea trade of Foochow being diverted to
the nearer mart of Wenchow, they took mea-
sures to protect their own interests. On the
pretext, Mr. HIRSCHMIDT tells us, that some
portion of the Congous and unfired tea ex-
ported from Wenchow were smuggled across the
border, to the detriment of the Fukien
revenue, the Authorities of the province
"improved the preventive service on the
border, and, abolishing the tax stations
along the various highways from the in-
terior to Foochow, determined to collect
"all dues in one lump sum at the place of
production." Thus the tea, if exported
from Wenchow, would have to pay all the
Fukien charges and the taxes levied in
Chekiang—in addition, which of course ma-
terially detracted from the advantages that

port possessed when first opened to foreign
trade. Mr. HIRSCHMIDT proceeds to discuss the
relative merits of the two ports, as follows:

"In Foochow, the dealer was sure of find-
ing a ready market for his tea, which
"he could not be here. Here, even at the
"best of times, owing to the absence of
"competition, he was always liable to have
"only the best grades accepted, and the
"remainder thrown on his hands. These
"latter would then have been obliged to
"ship to Shanghai. He would have had to
"pay the exceedingly high freight charged
"on the Shanghai line, and a commission on
"the sale of the tea, whenever that was
"effected; and not only would he, by reason
"of the infrequency of steam communication
"with Shanghai, have lost all the advan-
"tages as regards savings of time and of
"interest which he had expected to gain by
"bringing his tea to the nearer port; but
"owing to the length of time they might
"have remained unsold in Shanghai, he
"would, in the end, have been kept longer
"out of pocket than if the tea had been sent
"as usual to Foochow. Under such circum-
"stances it could be scarcely expected that
"any trade on a large scale would grow up,
"or that the shipments from Wenchow
"would have consisted of more than small
"consignments brought down from time to
"time. The establishment of Foreign tea
"merchants was the original impetus re-
"quired to set this trade in motion; but as
"the tea in question grew under pre-
"cise conditions to Foochow, the firmness
"located at that port, and who from the
"property they held there are largely in-
"terested in its maintenance and prosperity,
"viewed with natural disfavour the pos-
"sibility of a considerable portion of the trade
"of which they had previously enjoyed the
"monopoly being diverted to a new outlet,
"and felt little inclination to aid the develop-
"ment of the rival port by establishing
"branches at it. Had tea firms, untramm-
"elled by proprietary interests elsewhere,
"opened, however, at this port, they would,
"I think, undoubtedly have found a rich
"field for their operations. Greater fre-
"quency in the steam communication with
"Shanghai would have resulted from the
"establishment of such firms; under the
"influence of competition, freights would
"have fallen; and the economy of time in
"transport from the interior which would
"have been effected by bringing tea to this
"port would have enabled Wenchow tea to
"have been placed upon the home market
"earlier than the same grades from Foochow
"could have been, and thus to have obtained
"the higher prices which it seems the
"privilege of first arrivals to secure. The
"opportunity, however, was missed; and
"the Fukien authorities appear deter-
"mined that it shall not recur." From
"the above it will be plainly perceived
"how little chance, in spite of its favourable
"situation, and in spite also of its superiority
"as a place of exportation to Foochow—Wen-
"chow being the cleanest of all Chinese cities
"—Wenchow has of securing the position it
"would undoubtedly have attained if opened
"with others by the Treaty of Nanking to
"foreign commerce. The ports opened to
"trade by the Chefoo Convention have no
"doubt served to cause a rather larger de-
"mand for foreign goods, but the trade is
"almost entirely in the hands of Chinese, few
"foreign merchants finding it worth their
"while to establish themselves there, especially
"as the bulk of the carrying trade is also in
"the hands of natives. The main portion of
"the benefits accruing from this coveted
"concession by the Chinese Government to Sir
"THOMAS WADE has, therefore, been reaped
"by the Chinese themselves. No wonder the
"Peking Authorities show no desire to with-
"draw from that celebrated compact, though
"the British Government are so tardy in com-
"ing to a decision as to its ratification.

The delivery of the British mail was begun
at 11.5 yesterday morning.

The distribution of prices at St. Joseph's Col-
lege will take place at 3.30 p.m. to-day, when
His Excellency the Administrator will preside.
After the distribution, an entertainment by the
pupils will be given, including music and a
farce.

The American paddle steamer of war, Mon-
oco, Commander C. S. Cotton, arrived here
from Nagasaki, via Amoy, yesterday morning,
and sailed for the Murray Railway to-
morrow. She left Amoy on the 14th inst., and
reached here with a cargo of rice, and fine
weather, these for the first twelve hours of the
15th.

The steamer Legation, which went ashore at
Maula in the typhoon of the 20th October, was
successfully floated off on the 7th inst., the
operation being conducted under the direction of
the master of the vessel, Captain Henry, who
was warmly congratulated on the success of his
efforts by a large number of persons who had
assembled at the place. The vessel is advertised
for sale.

The Italian Opera Company will give another
performance this evening for the benefit of
Signor Gori and Arrigo. The opera selected
for representation is "L'Amico Fede," which
will be played by the company. Signor Gori will
sing on the piano-forte between the acts, and we
trust that the talented maestro will, as he deserves,
have a bumper house.

It is interesting to note that the Siam
orange trade is steadily growing. In 1881 some
48,000 piculs were exported to Hongkong and
Yokohama. There was a further increase in
1882, the total amount being 57,000 piculs, an increase of 9,000
piculs over that of 1881. Owing to the good
demand for Siam oranges, the orange growers
in the country round that port are becoming
more extensive every year.

The challenge cup for the most creditable ex-
hibition of plants and flowers at the Flower
Show has been won by Mr. Woodin, who took
the first prize. Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Brown
each took the first prize in their class. Mr.
Woodin only just secured the trophy. The
challenge cup for vegetables was won easily by
Mr. Dickie, who was far ahead of all his com-
petitors. There was a further increase in the
admission taken at the Flower Show yesterday.
The band of the Buffs was present and played a
selection of music during the afternoon.

We extract the following items from the Lon-
don and China Express of the 13th inst.:
Dr. Macarty, C.M.G., the Secretary of the
Chinese Legation, has returned to Paris from
London.

The latest mail advices received here were—
Yokohama, 24th Jan. 1883, November 20th,
Shanghai 20th, Foochow 20th, Manila 20th,
Singapore 20th, Batavia 20th, Saigon 20th,
and Hongkong 11th. The French mail, with the
advice dated at Shanghai, from China and the
Straits Settlements, was delivered at Naples
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Mr. E. E. Durr, of the Merchants' Marine In-
surance Company, has been appointed to Canton
Insurance Office, Hongkong.

Telegram from Washington report that the
Senate has ratified the treaty between the United
States and Korea. The details are not, however,
known.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times
states that the Russian Government is now
considering a possible movement of China
against Korea. The Russian authorities, how-
ever, do not consider Russian territory is at
present in any way threatened.

Major Thomas Sidney St. Clair, 1st Battalion
Berkshire Regiment, has taken up the duties
of Captain Instructor at Alexandria. He was
brevetted major at Hongkong from 1876 to 1881,
and served as brigade commander under General
Cotton in the Cape Expedition of 1879. He has
the medal with clasp for Force, and the Egyptian
war medal.

A statement has been made public that Mr. M.
de Lesseps had transferred the concession of the
Suez Canal to the Khedive of Egypt. The
statement is, however, entirely untrue. The
Suez Canal Company, which is a French com-
pany, is not to be sold. The only company that
the Suez Canal Company has recently made, is
the Suez Canal Company. We can only repeat
that there has been no concession of the Suez
Canal to the Khedive of Egypt. The Suez Canal
Company is not to be sold. The only company
that the Suez Canal Company has recently made,
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Several torpedo-boats built for the Chinese
Government by the "Vulcan" Company, Stet-
ton, were taken out into the Half last week to
undergo speed trials. The speeds obtained
were, however, very low, and the boats were
considered unsatisfactory. The boats were
found to be unworthy in a high degree, as
several of them were in danger of being swamped,
though the Half is only an inland lake.

A rumour was recently circulated in Vienna,
and from thence forwarded to London, that Mr.
Theodor Schott, a German, had been appointed
Minister of China to the French Republic.
We believe there is no truth whatever in the re-
port. It seems possible that it originated in a
propaganda man some time ago to send him to
China with the object of securing the French
consulate. The rumour could not be arrived at with
the French as to Tientsin.

The subject of the "Buffs" (East Kent Regiment)
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Several ships of the China Station will have
completed their three years' commission in 1883.
viz.: "The Flying Fish," in April; "Cleopatra," in
August; "Zephyr," in October; and "Champion," in
December. The "Flying Fish" will be recom-
missioned in March. The "Zephyr" will be recom-
missioned in May. The "Champion" will be recom-
missioned in July. The "Cleopatra" will be recom-
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Those of the public who have taken any in-
terest in the working of the Bankruptcy law
must view with not a little satisfaction the long
list of old Bankruptcy records which during the
past year, under the instructions of Mr. A. A.
Akroyd, the very efficient and able Registrar,
of the Supreme Court, it was not doubt
hard upon that gentleman that his predecessors
should have left him so heavy a legacy in the
shape of depositing bankrupt estates, but was
all the more to be congratulated that in Mr.
Akroyd, we have found an officer who, com-
bining the will with the ability, has not only
worked off these enormous arrears, but has at
the same time kept pace with the multitudinous
and onerous duties which rest upon his high office.

It is difficult to say how often the complaint
of insufficient office accommodation has been
made by the Registrar; the complaint is so
old that the memory of the "old man" is
faded, and the Registrar, who is now in his
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Several torpedo-boats built for the Chinese
Government by the "Vulcan" Company, Stet-
ton, were taken out into the Half last week to
undergo speed trials. The speeds obtained
were, however, very low, and the boats were
considered unsatisfactory. The boats were
found to be unworthy in a high degree, as
several of them were in danger of being swamped,
though the Half is only an inland lake.

A rumour was recently circulated in Vienna,
and from thence forwarded to London, that Mr.
Theodor Schott, a German, had been appointed
Minister of China to the French Republic.
We believe there is no truth whatever in the re-
port. It seems possible that it originated in a
propaganda man some time ago to send him to
China with the object of securing the French
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Several ships of the China Station will have
completed their three years' commission in 1883.
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December. The "Flying Fish" will be recom-
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EXTRACTS.

AL FRESKO.—A SUMMER MEMORY.
Who wants to stay in a stuffy room
When the days are long?
Who'll not rest in a hall of bloom
That is wreathed with song?
Who'll look at the ceiling, who has the sky
For a glorious purple canopy,
With the birds and the breeze for minstrelsy?
Never. Not I.

That day I looked o'er a yellow sea
Of the dancing grain,
Though never a sail shone fair and free
On that milky main.

Yet o'er the beam did light winds blow,
Sweeping the sails to and fro,
Revealing the beautiful blooms that grow
In the depths below.

Down into the depths of that sea of gold
Did I sometimes go,
For there were treasures of hues untold
In its winnowing.

The knaves' purple gleam shot through
Its billows along with the speedwell's blue,
And the scarlet flag of the poppy too
Fleeted upon the view.

But when at length with the scorching heat,
And the blinding glare,
I sought the shade of a dim retreat,
And I rested there.

My lips I coated with some Russian wine
In a natural bow of elegance,
Whilst the west wind whisp'ered of bliss divine
In those hours of mine.

For music flowed from a lute at hand,
And the belted boys,
The mullah's oases of gold, it lay
Close by; 'twas fit for a king to sway.

And almost felt like a king that day
As a dreamer may.

F. B. DORRISON.

FOSSIL ELEPHANT FOUND IN ITALY.

Near Tabiana (Italy) the remains of a fossil elephant have been discovered. Two enormous tusks, two teeth, and several bones from the skull were found. The skull bones were so much decayed that they could not be removed. It was resolved, therefore, to cover up the remains with earth until next summer, when it is hoped that warmer weather will be more favourable to further excavations.

A GLOOMY AND PECULIAR MEDICINE.

A Philadelphia medical journal has received a communication from a Louisiana physician, asking if there is any virtue in tea made from fat female cockroaches, brandy and sugar. The following formula of a prescription used by old women in the South was also furnished: "One dozen fat female cockroaches, put into a pint of boiling water (after being bruised), let stand a couple of hours, then strain well; add two tablespoonfuls of brandy and one ounce of crushed sugar; stir till thoroughly dissolved. Two tablespoonfuls every hour."

The Professor of Materia Medica in Jefferson College said that he pronounced the cockroaches were not entirely unknown in the medical practice in this city, and "cockroach-tea" may be used with good effect in certain cases, although, owing to the public prejudice against the insect, it would not be a popular medicine. The use of the cockroach as a diuretic in certain diseases is almost universal in Europe, and is very general now in European medical practice as a cure for Bright's disease. To what extent it may be used in Philadelphia is not known. Physicians would not care to have it known they prescribe so detested an insect in their practice, and few druggists will acknowledge that they keep it in stock. The medicine properties are in many respects the same as those of cantharides, and when prescribed are in the shape of a pill, made with the powder of dried insect, or she "cockroach" tea of the Southern "grannies." A Record reporter, who visited several of the leading drug-stores of the city yesterday and asked whether powdered cockroaches were kept in their stock, was told that they did not sell it but that a prescription containing the active principle (blatinnin) can easily be prepared by drying half a dozen of the animals and powdering them, so as to make a pill or a solution can be, and occasionally is, prepared by soaking fat female cockroaches in whiskey. The Professor of Materia Medica in Jefferson College says that this active principle is no more offensive than the cantharides, which are of the same class of animals, and that its smell is, if anything, much less disgusting than the much-used Spanish fly. Several physicians who were interviewed yesterday on the subject said that in their opinion it is only a matter of time when cockroaches, or the active principle, will be in as common use in this country as they are in Russia or Central Europe.—Philadelphia Record.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S WHIPPING.

Philip Effendi, an Armenian, and managing editor of the Turkish journal *El Yahi*, has just been created. Wald of the First Class, a dignity which itself confers the title of Excellency. The Turkish press is full of reports of the Turkish official circles regarding the history of this appointment, a story which I will not positively verify, but which seems to me not devoid of verisimilitude, with the character of Ahmed Vehik, its principal actor, is taken into consideration.

Some time ago there appeared in *El Yahi*, a severe article attacking the ex-Governor Broussard, and it was generally believed that the article in question had been inspired by the Prime Minister, Sid Fakhri. Northwick Ahmed Vehik invited Philip Effendi to his residence, and the managing editor forthwith accepted the invitation. On arriving at the house he was received by the ex-Governor's servants with every mark of respect; but no sooner had he passed the threshold of the apartment in which Vehik was awaiting him, than he was instantly seized by two strong negroes, who robbed him of his nether garments in the twinkling of an eye.

Before he had the least idea what the matter was, the two huge blacks had garrotted him and tied him face downward upon a bench—and gave him forty-two lashes with very heavy whips upon a certain portion of his unclad person. The newspaper article had certainly done its office, for that Philip Effendi got a lashing for each line he wrote. After this summary procedure, the wretched Armenian, being untied, stretched his back, and shot like an arrow through the doorway, forgetting to salute the terrible black, who, from the summit of the stairway, shouted after him: "Now, go tell your master that I reserve the forty-whiplash for him!"

So Philip Effendi, running as though the black devil were still after him, never stopped until he reached the Sublime Porte, when he told the Prime Minister how Ahmed Vehik had received his visit. And his Highness, notwithstanding his anger, could not help laughing at the pitiful state of the poor wretch, who was still unable to stand up straight since he had been doled out by the whips of the negroes. The Minister promised him, nevertheless, a radical cure for his affliction, a plaster for his sores. Accordingly, two days later, Philip Effendi was made an "excellent" man; but they say that he is still doctored by his wounds.—The Voltaire.

INSURANCE.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FIRE AND LIFE.
INSURANCES against Fire granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduction in Premium Rates for Life Insurance in China.
MAYNARD & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1893. [1646]

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1824.
CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY, £1,000,000 Sterling.
OF WHICH IS PAID-UP, £400,000 Sterling.
RESERVE FUND TOWARDS £120,000 Sterling.
ANNUAL INCOME £250,000 Sterling.
The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at HONGKONG, CANTON, FOCHOW, SHANGHAI, AND HANKOW, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1893. [112]

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at the Reduced Tariff Rates to the extent of \$50,000 on First-class Risks.
LINTNARD & DAVIS,
Agents.
San Francisco, 15th May, 1891. [116]

LA GRANDE COMPAGNIE D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES (GROUPE TRANSPORTS REUNIES) PARIS.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED—50,000,000 Francs.
CAPITAL PAID-UP—15,000,000 Francs.
The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1893. [182]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of \$50,000, on first-class risks at current rates.
MELORES & Co.,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1893. [111]

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1892. [114]

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDING, LONDON.
The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual discounts.
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1891. [847]

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS for the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 4th September, 1893. [189]

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.
Agents.
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 4th September, 1893. [189]

UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, ESTABLISHED 1834.
INSURANCES granted for Life or Short term, on Joint Lives, and on the limited payment system.
For Particulars, apply to
LINTNARD & DAVIS,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1892. [119]

NOTICE.
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at Current Rates, and other Insurances at Current Rates.
NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1891. [12]

NOTICE.
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
To be prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at Current Rates, and other Insurances at Current Rates.
Agents at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and the Philippines.
Jas. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1893. [680]

THE CHINA MERCHANTS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
CAPITAL (FULLY SUBSCRIBED) Tls. 1,000,000.
TONG KONG SING, Esq., Chairman.
CHAU YU CHEN, Esq., T'ao Yu YIN, Esq., and others.
HO SHEN CHEE, Esq., Secretary.
Head Office, Hankow Road, Shanghai, 1st June, 1892. [1092]

CALIPHONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1893.
The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1893. [183]

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.
A.D. 1720.
The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000, at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, 26th July, 1893. [113]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1893. [18]

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HIGHEST AWARD AND PRIZE MEDAL.
PRIMAVERIA, BENTON, 1876.
OAKLEY AND SON'S MEAT AND BLACK-LEAD MILLS.
WESTMINSTER BURGESS ROAD, LONDON, ENGLAND.
OAKLEY'S WASHINGTON KNIFE POLISH.
Packets of 60 each, 1s. 6d. each, 2s. 6d. each.
OAKLEY'S INDIA RUBBER KNIFE POLISH.
Packets of 60 each, 1s. 6d. each, 2s. 6d. each.
OAKLEY'S SILVERSMITH'S SOAP (NON-MERCURIAL).
For Cleaning and Polishing, Electro-plating, Fine-Glass, Marble, &c. Tablets, 6d. each.
OAKLEY'S GENUINE EMERY, GRIND AND FLOUR.
OAKLEY'S EMERY AND GLASS CLOTH.
OAKLEY'S CABINET GLASS PAPER, WEL-LINGTON BLOCK BLACKING, &c.
OAKLEY'S GOODS SOLD EVERYWHERE.
By Grocers, Druggists, and Dealers.
FEB. 1810.

LEITCH COMPANY'S EXTRACT OF MEAT.
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HONGKONG MARKETS.

As Reported by Quotations on the 16th Feb. 1893.
COTTON GOODS.
American Drill, 30 yards, per piece, \$2.35 to \$2.45.
American Drill, 36 yards, per piece, \$2.50 to \$2.60.
Cotton Yarn, No. 20, per 100 lbs., \$8.00 to \$8.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 30, per 100 lbs., \$12.00 to \$12.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 40, per 100 lbs., \$15.00 to \$15.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 50, per 100 lbs., \$18.00 to \$18.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 60, per 100 lbs., \$20.00 to \$20.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 70, per 100 lbs., \$22.00 to \$22.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 80, per 100 lbs., \$24.00 to \$24.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 90, per 100 lbs., \$26.00 to \$26.50.
Cotton Yarn, No. 100, per 100 lbs., \$28.00 to \$28.50.

WOOLLEN GOODS.
Hankow, 30 yards, per piece, \$2.45 to \$2.55.
Hankow, 36 yards, per piece, \$2.60 to \$2.70.
Hankow, 40 yards, per piece, \$2.75 to \$2.85.
Hankow, 45 yards, per piece, \$2.90 to \$3.00.
Hankow, 50 yards, per piece, \$3.05 to \$3.15.
Hankow, 55 yards, per piece, \$3.20 to \$3.30.
Hankow, 60 yards, per piece, \$3.35 to \$3.45.
Hankow, 65 yards, per piece, \$3.50 to \$3.60.
Hankow, 70 yards, per piece, \$3.65 to \$3.75.
Hankow, 75 yards, per piece, \$3.80 to \$3.90.
Hankow, 80 yards, per piece, \$3.95 to \$4.05.

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